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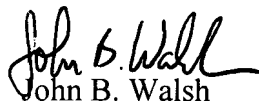
### DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply brief filed August 13, 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00-5:30.

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**REPLY BRIEF**

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Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 41.41 in response to the EXAMINER'S  
ANSWER dated June 12, 2007.

The Examiner's response to Appellants' arguments submitted in the Appeal Brief of  
January 30, 2007, raises additional issues and underscores the factual and legal shortcomings in  
the Examiner's rejection. In response, Appellants rely upon the arguments presented in the  
Appeal Brief of January 30, 2007, and the arguments set forth below.